



New starters: Teachers Laura Haldenby (front, left) and Melanie Monks (front, right) pictured with NTAs (back, left to right).. Amanda Glenright and Lynn Skelton, and the reception class children Amy Cross, Thomas Cross, Toby Louth, Rebecca Cove, Sienna Prince, Samuel Harrison, Tilly Dixon, Alfie Race, Katie Wilson, Alexander Duffy, Ruby Evans, Katie Fewster, Poppy Keilloh, William Mansell, Rory Tacon, Evie Taylor, Ruby Bower, Sarah Brennan, Finley Mancey, Lucy Routledge, Gill Varley, Harry Webster. 113755a. Pictures Kevin Allen

New start for village school

TEACHERS and pupils are celebrating as a Scarborough primary school finally opened its doors to new starters this month following extensive flood damage last year.

East Ayton Primary School Moor Lane, was severely damaged on Christmas Eve as water from broken pipes rained down

from the ceilings.

Although building work finished in July it was not until this September that pupils finally got to move into the refurbished building.

Two classrooms, the school library and the staffroom were damaged by the water which also badly affected corridors and plasterwork.

Headteacher Ian Fleming was very happy with how staff and parents reacted at what was a very difficult time for the school.

"Everyone pulled together and worked with what we had" he said.

"On Christmas Eve teachers and parents gave up their free time to help out."



New look: Headteacher Ian Fleming with pupils in the IT room.

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Delighted: Pupils give the new outdoor teaching area their approval.

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Teachers tried to scavenge as much equipment as possible from the damaged rooms but only plastic items could be salvaged.

Almost ten skips worth of debris was removed from the school after the flooding and special measures were put in place to minimise disruption to staff and pupils.

A temporary staffroom and classrooms were housed in an on-site porter cabin and porterloos were bought in whilst the toilets were repaired.

Despite the huge damage the school only remained closed for one extra week after the Christmas holidays.

Mr Fleming praised the

manner with which pupils had adapted as the building work got under way.

"I think pupils saw it as a big adventure, being put in the new rooms" he said.

Mr Fleming went on to thank Scarborough building companies Willoughbys and Jacobs for the superb job they had done.